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FREE BAPTIST REVIVAL.

Revival meetings of the First Free Baptist Church will be held in the air-dome, beginning Sunday, May 17. Rev. A. H. Nickell, pastor of the Baptist Church of Oelwein, Iowa, has been secured as evangelist, and will hold preaching services both morning and evening.

Antram Huston Nickell comes of a line of ministers of the gospel both on his father's and mother's side. His mother's people were all Irish Presbyterians. His grandfather Nickell preached the gospel in connection with the Free Baptist denomination for over fifty years. Mr. Nickell began to speak from the pulpit when he was seventeen years of age and has been almost continuously at it ever since that time. He has worked as pastor and evangelist in Iowa, Colorado and California. His work at Santa Ana, Cal., is typical of his record in every place where he has labored. Soon after becoming pastor of Immanuel Church at Santa Ana, a revival started in the congregation. Pastors who had been on the field for a decade had declared it was of no use to begin a revival in Santa Ana, for there had not been a sweeping work in the city since they could re-

member. The meeting in Immanuel Church seemed to promise large results from the first. The meeting people who came to the services. Members of other churches became interested and petitioned the pastor to turn the meeting into a union effort and move the services to a larger building. This was done without appreciable flagging of interest. The work spread to the surrounding towns till the whole vicinity was stirred. Over three hundred people united with the churches in Santa Ana and large numbers joined the churches in the towns and villages in the surrounding country as a result of the little meeting started in the local Baptist Church. After a few years in the pastorate in California, Mr. Nickell was called to a successful missionary work in Colorado. On returning to Iowa, he was called to Waterloo, a city of some thirty thousand people. Here the First Baptist Church had been torn by dissension. One party had withdrawn from the church and had organized another Baptist Church of about one hundred members. Through the pastor's efforts and loyal support of those whose desire was to see a reunited body of Christians again working under the leadership of the pastor of "Old First," a compromise between the two factions was reached and the seceding body was again re-

ceived into full connection with the church. It grew in interest till it was no longer possible for the church to hold the mother body. It will be seen how difficult was this effort at union when it is known that the seceding branch had begun the erection of a building to cost \$20,000, and had the building enclosed when the first overtures looking toward reunion were made. The result of the work was the consolidation of a strong church of six hundred members.

Mr. Nickell is in the fourth year of his Pastorate with the Baptist church, at Oelwein Iowa. His Evangelistic zeal has been seen in the conversion of large numbers among whom were some of the most degraded and hopeless characters. These have become zealous workers in the church. One hundred and thirty people have been received by baptism in a little over two years. The present membership is three hundred and twenty.

Mr. Nickell is a college man, having taken his course of study at Central University, Pella Iowa. While pursuing his studies he was pastor of one of the largest student churches in the State for five years. His doctrine is a conservative. He believes the Bible to be the Word of God and that the Holy Spirit was given as its interpreter.

He hits sin with all his might but loves the sinner and does his best to induce him to surrender to the Savior.

Mr. Jas. B. Wheeler of Otto, Texas, will have charge of the song service. Mr. Wheeler is an experienced leader of song and some good singing is expected, seats will be arranged to accommodate all singers who will help us in the services of song.

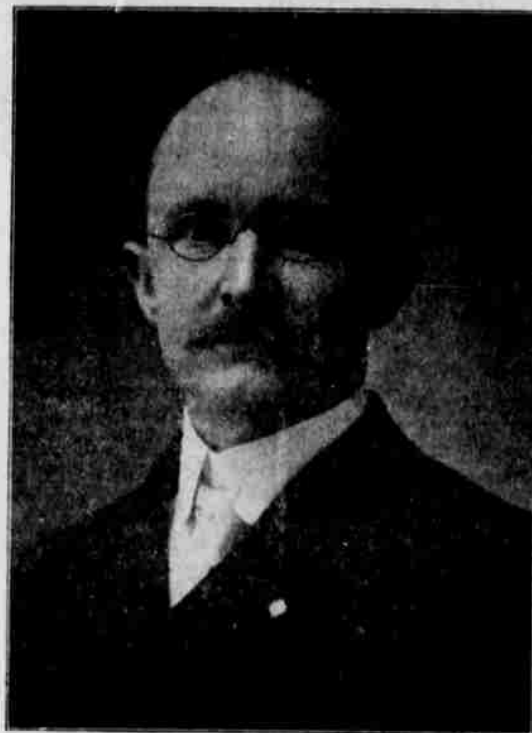
We hope that not only every Free Baptist, but every individual who loves the souls of men will feel free to unite their efforts with ours in fighting this battle against Sin and unrighteousness. While the effort may not be union in fact, we pray that it may be nearly so in effect.

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C. C. Wheeler, Pastor.

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